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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:
3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit;
8 a setting unit setting an image capturing condition
9 for capturing the image of the subject;
10 a storing unit storing a plurality of pieces of
11 image forming instruction information used when an image
12 forming apparatus forms a visible image based on the
13 image data;
14 a selecting unit selecting a predetermined piece of
15 image forming instruction information from among the
16 plurality of pieces of image forming instruction
17 information stored in said storing unit, based on the
18 image capturing condition set by said setting unit, the
19 image capturing condition being the image capturing
20 condition under which the subject was captured; and
21 an outputting unit associating the image forming
22 instruction information selected by said selecting unit
23 with the image data, and outputting the image forming
24 instruction information in association with the image
25 data.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:

3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit;
8 a shooting mode selecting unit selecting a mode used
9 for shooting from among a plurality of shooting modes;
10 a storing unit storing a plurality of image forming
11 instruction modes used when a an image forming apparatus
12 forms a visible image based on the image data;
13 an image forming instruction mode selecting unit
14 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction mode
15 from among the plurality of image forming instruction
16 modes stored in said storing unit based on the shooting
17 mode selected by said shooting mode selecting unit, the
18 image capturing condition being the image capturing
19 condition under which the subject was captured; and
20 an outputting unit associating the image forming
21 instruction mode selected by said image forming
22 instruction mode selecting unit with the image data, and
23 outputting the image forming instruction mode in
24 association with the image data.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:

3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit;

8 an image capturing condition setting unit setting a
9 condition for image capturing performed by said image
10 capturing unit based on status of the subject;
11 a storing unit storing a plurality of image forming
12 instruction modes used when an image forming apparatus
13 forms a visible image based on the image data;
14 an image forming instruction mode selecting unit
15 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction mode
16 from among the plurality of image forming instruction
17 modes stored in said storing unit based on the condition
18 for image capturing, which is set by said image capturing
19 condition setting unit, the image capturing condition
20 being the image capturing condition under which the
21 subject was captured; and
22 an outputting unit associating the image forming
23 instruction mode selected by said image forming
24 instruction mode selecting unit with the image data, and
25 outputting the image forming instruction mode in
26 association with the image data.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:
3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit;
8 a shooting mode selecting unit selecting a mode used
9 for shooting from among a plurality of shooting modes;
10 an image capturing condition setting unit setting a
11 condition for image capturing performed by said image
12 capturing unit based on status of the subject;

13 a storing unit storing a plurality of image forming
14 instruction modes used when an image forming apparatus
15 forms a visible image based on the image data;
16 an image forming instruction mode selecting unit
17 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction mode
18 from among the plurality of image forming instruction
19 modes stored in said storing unit based on the shooting
20 mode selected by said shooting mode selecting unit, and
21 the condition for image capturing, which is set by said
22 image capturing condition setting unit, the image
23 capturing condition being the image capturing condition
24 under which the subject was captured; and
25 an outputting unit associating the image forming
26 instruction mode selected by said image forming
27 instruction mode selecting unit with the image data, and
28 outputting the image forming instruction mode in
29 association with the image data.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:
3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit;
8 a setting unit setting an image capturing condition
9 for capturing the image of the subject from among a
10 plurality of image capturing conditions to which
11 priorities are assigned;
12 a storing unit storing a plurality of pieces of
13 image forming instruction information used when an image

14 forming apparatus forms a visible image based on the
15 image data;
16 a selecting unit selecting a predetermined piece of
17 image forming instruction information from among the
18 plurality of pieces of image forming instruction
19 information stored in said storing unit, based on a
20 priority assigned to the image capturing condition set by
21 said setting unit, the image capturing condition being
22 the image capturing condition under which the subject was
23 captured; and
24 an outputting unit associating the image forming
25 instruction information selected by said selecting unit
26 with the image data, and outputting the image forming
27 instruction information in association with the image
28 data.

1 Claim 6 (original): The electronic camera according to
2 claim 5, wherein:
3 the plurality of image capturing conditions include
4 at least a mode used for shooting, and a condition for
5 image capturing; and
6 the mode used for shooting is assigned a priority
7 higher than the condition for image capturing.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): An electronic camera system
2 having an electronic camera, and an image forming
3 apparatus, wherein:
4 the electronic camera comprises
5 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
6 subject, and outputting an image signal,

7 an image processing unit obtaining image data
8 in a predetermined format based on the image signal
9 captured by said image capturing unit,
10 a setting unit setting an image capturing
11 condition for capturing the image of the subject,
12 a storing unit storing a plurality of pieces of
13 image forming instruction information used when the image
14 forming apparatus forms a visible image based on the
15 image data,
16 a selecting unit selecting a predetermined
17 piece of image forming instruction information from among
18 the plurality of pieces of image forming instruction
19 information stored in said storing unit, based on the
20 image capturing condition set by said setting unit, the
21 image capturing condition being the image capturing
22 condition under which the subject was captured and
23 an outputting unit associating the image
24 forming instruction information selected by said
25 selecting unit with the image data, and outputting the
26 image forming instruction information in association with
27 the image data; and
28 the image forming apparatus comprises
29 a reading unit reading image data to be formed
30 as an image, and image forming instruction information in
31 association with the image data,
32 an image forming mode selecting unit selecting
33 an image forming mode, which corresponds to the image
34 forming instruction information read by said reading
35 unit, from among a plurality of image forming modes
36 performing an image forming process according to a
37 different condition,

38 an image forming processing unit performing an
39 image quality forming process according to the image
40 forming mode selected by said image forming mode
41 selecting unit, and
42 an image outputting unit outputting image data
43 for which an image process is performed by said image
44 forming processing unit.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in association with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 setting an image capturing condition for capturing
6 an image of a subject;
7 capturing the image of the subject, and outputting
8 an image signal;
9 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
10 on the image signal;
11 selecting a predetermined piece of image forming
12 instruction information from among a plurality of pieces
13 of image forming instruction information used when an
14 image forming apparatus forms a visible image based on
15 the obtained image data, according to the set image
16 capturing condition, the image capturing condition being
17 the image capturing condition under which the subject was
18 captured; and
19 associating the selected image forming instruction
20 information with the obtained image data, and outputting
21 the image forming instruction information in association
22 with the image data.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in associating with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 selecting a mode used for shooting from among a
6 plurality of shooting modes;
7 capturing an image of a subject, and outputting an
8 image signal;
9 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
10 on the image signal;
11 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction
12 mode from among a plurality of image forming instruction
13 modes used when an image forming apparatus forms a
14 visible image based on the obtained image data, according
15 to the selected shooting mode, the shooting mode being
16 the shooting mode under which the subject was captured;
17 and
18 associating the selected image forming instruction
19 mode with the obtained image data, and outputting the
20 image forming instruction mode in associating with the
21 image data.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in association with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 setting a condition for image capturing based on
6 status of a subject;
7 capturing an image of the subject, and outputting an
8 image signal;
9 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
10 on the image signal;

11 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction
12 mode from among a plurality of image forming instruction
13 modes used when an image forming apparatus forms a
14 visible image based on the obtained image data, according
15 to the set condition for image capturing, the image
16 capturing condition being the image capturing condition
17 under which the subject was captured; and
18 associating the selected image forming instruction
19 mode with the obtained image data, and outputting the
20 image forming instruction mode in association with the
21 image data.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in association with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 selecting a mode used for shooting from among a
6 plurality of shooting modes;
7 setting a condition for image capturing based on
8 status of a subject;
9 capturing an image of the subject, and outputting an
10 image signal;
11 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
12 on the image signal;
13 selecting a predetermined image forming instruction
14 mode from among a plurality of image forming instruction
15 modes used when an image forming apparatus forms a
16 visible image based on the obtained image data, according
17 to the selected shooting mode and the set condition for
18 image capturing, the image capturing condition being the
19 image capturing condition under which the subject was
20 captured; and

21 associating the selected image forming instruction
22 mode with the obtained image data, and outputting the
23 image forming instruction mode in associating with the
24 image data.

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in association with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 setting an image capturing condition for capturing
6 an image of a subject from among a plurality of image
7 capturing conditions to which priorities are assigned;
8 capturing the image of the subject, and outputting
9 an image signal;
10 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
11 on the image signal;
12 selecting a predetermined piece of image forming
13 instruction information from among a plurality of pieces
14 of image forming instruction information used when an
15 image forming apparatus forms a visible image based on
16 the obtained image data, according to a priority assigned
17 to the set image capturing condition, the image capturing
18 condition being the image capturing condition under which
19 the subject was captured; and
20 associating the selected image forming instruction
21 information with the obtained image data, and outputting
22 the image forming instruction information in associating
23 with the image data.

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): An image forming method,
2 comprising:

3 setting an image capturing condition for capturing
4 an image of a subject,
5 capturing the image of the subject, and outputting
6 an image signal,
7 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
8 on the image signal,
9 selecting a predetermined piece of image forming
10 instruction information from among a plurality of pieces
11 of image forming instruction information used when an
12 image forming apparatus forms a visible image based on
13 the obtained image data, according to the set image
14 capturing condition, the image capturing condition being
15 the image capturing condition under which the subject was
16 captured, and
17 associating the selected image forming instruction
18 information with the obtained image data, and outputting
19 the image forming instruction information in associating
20 with the image data, in an electronic camera; and
21 reading image data to be formed as an image, and
22 image forming instruction information in associating with
23 the image data,
24 selecting an image forming mode which corresponds to
25 the read image forming instruction information from among
26 a plurality of image forming modes performing an image
27 forming process according to a different condition,
28 performing an image quality forming process
29 according to the selected image forming mode, and
30 outputting the image data for which the image
31 process is performed as the image quality forming
32 process, in an image forming apparatus.

1 Claim 14 (currently amended): An electronic camera,
2 comprising:
3 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
4 subject, and outputting an image signal;
5 an image processing unit obtaining image data in a
6 predetermined format based on the image signal captured
7 by said image capturing unit, the image capturing
8 condition being the image capturing condition under which
9 the subject was captured.;
10 a shooting condition correcting unit correcting a
11 shooting condition for exposure or image quality at the
12 time of shooting;
13 a setting unit setting correction instruction
14 information for instructing a correction for a process
15 performed when an image forming apparatus forms a visible
16 image from the image data, based on the shooting
17 condition corrected by said shooting condition correcting
18 unit; and
19 an outputting unit associating the correction
20 instruction information for instructing a correction for
21 a process performed when the image forming apparatus
22 forms a visible image, which is set by said setting unit,
23 with the image data and outputting the correction
24 instruction information in association with the image
25 data.

1 Claim 15 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 14, wherein
3 said setting unit sets correction instruction
4 information for instructing whether or not to make a
5 correction for each process that includes at least any of
6 a grayscale process, a color process, and a sharpness

7 process, which are performed when the image forming
8 apparatus forms a visible image from the image data,
9 based on the shooting condition corrected by said
10 shooting condition correcting unit.

1 Claim 16 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 15, wherein
3 said setting unit sets correction instruction
4 information for instructing corrections for a plurality
5 of combined processes performed when the image forming
6 apparatus forms a visible image from the image data,
7 based on the shooting condition corrected by said
8 shooting condition correcting unit.

1 Claim 17 (currently amended): An electronic camera
2 system having an electronic camera and an image forming
3 apparatus, wherein:
4 the electronic camera comprises
5 an image capturing unit capturing an image of a
6 subject, and outputting an image signal,
7 an image processing unit obtaining image data
8 in a predetermined format based on the image signal
9 captured by said image capturing unit,
10 a shooting condition correcting unit correcting
11 a shooting condition for exposure or image quality at the
12 time of shooting,
13 a setting unit setting correction instruction
14 information for instructing a correction for a process
15 performed when the image forming apparatus forms a
16 visible image from the image data, based on the shooting
17 condition corrected by said shooting condition correcting

18 unit, the shooting condition being the shooting condition
19 under which the subject was captured, and
20 an outputting unit associating the correction
21 instruction information for instructing a correction for
22 a process performed when the image forming apparatus
23 forms a visible image, which is set by said setting unit,
24 with the image data and outputting the correction
25 instruction information in association with the image
26 data; and
27 the image forming apparatus comprises
28 a reading unit reading image data to be formed
29 as an image, and correction instruction information in
30 association with the image data,
31 an image forming processing unit performing an
32 image quality forming process based on the correction
33 instruction information read by said reading unit, and
34 an outputting unit outputting the image data
35 for which the image process is performed by said image
36 forming processing unit.

1 Claim 18 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 system according to claim 17, wherein
3 said setting unit sets correction instruction
4 information for instructing whether or not to make a
5 correction for each process which includes at least any
6 of a grayscale process, a color process, and a sharpness
7 process, which are performed when the image forming
8 apparatus forms a visible image from the image data,
9 based on the shooting condition corrected by said
10 shooting condition correcting unit.

1 Claim 19 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 system according to claim 18, wherein
3 said setting unit sets correction instruction
4 information for instructing corrections for a plurality
5 of combined processes performed when the image forming
6 apparatus forms a visible image from the image data,
7 based on the shooting condition corrected by said
8 shooting condition correcting unit.

1 Claim 20 (currently amended): A method associating
2 predetermined information with image data, and outputting
3 the predetermined information in association with the
4 image data, comprising:
5 correcting a shooting condition for exposure or
6 image quality at the time of shooting;
7 capturing an image of a subject, and outputting an
8 image signal;
9 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
10 on the image signal;
11 setting correction instruction information for
12 instructing a correction for a process performed when an
13 image forming apparatus forms a visible image from the
14 obtained image data, based on the corrected shooting
15 condition, the shooting condition being the shooting
16 condition under which the subject was captured; and
17 associating the set correction instruction
18 information for instructing the correction for the
19 process performed when the image forming apparatus forms
20 a visible image with the image data, and outputting the
21 correction instruction information in association with
22 the image data.

1 Claim 21 (currently amended): An image forming method,
2 comprising:
3 correcting a shooting condition for exposure or
4 image quality at the time of shooting,
5 capturing an image of a subject, and outputting an
6 image signal,
7 obtaining image data in a predetermined format based
8 on the image signal,
9 setting correction instruction information for
10 instructing a correction for a process performed when an
11 image forming apparatus forms a visible image from the
12 obtained image data, based on the corrected shooting
13 condition, the shooting condition being the shooting
14 condition under which the subject was captured, and
15 associating the set correction instruction
16 information for instructing the correction for the
17 process performed when the image forming apparatus forms
18 a visible image with the image data, and outputting the
19 correction instruction information in association with
20 the image data, in an electronic camera; and
21 reading image data to be formed as an image, and
22 correction instruction information in association with
23 the image data,
24 performing an image quality forming process based on
25 the read correction instruction information, and
26 outputting the image data for which the image
27 process is performed as the image quality forming
28 process, in an image forming apparatus.

Claims 22-47 (canceled)

1 Claim 48 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 1, wherein the outputting unit
3 automatically associates the image forming instruction
4 mode selected by said image forming instruction mode
5 selecting unit with the image data, and outputs, to the
6 image forming apparatus, the image forming instruction
7 mode in association with the image data such that the
8 image forming apparatus uses, automatically, the selected
9 piece of image forming instruction information when
10 forming the visible image based on the image data.

1 Claim 49 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus
3 is a printer.

1 Claim 50 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 2, wherein the image forming apparatus
3 is a printer.

1 Claim 51 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 3, wherein the image forming apparatus
3 is a printer.

1 Claim 52 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 4, wherein the image forming apparatus
3 is a printer.

1 Claim 53 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 5, wherein the image forming apparatus
3 is a printer.

1 Claim 54 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 system according to claim 7, wherein the image forming
3 apparatus is a printer.

1 Claim 55 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 8, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 56 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 9, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 57 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 10, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 58 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 11, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 59 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 12, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 60 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 13, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 61 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 according to claim 14, wherein the image forming
3 apparatus is a printer.

1 Claim 62 (previously presented): The electronic camera
2 system according to claim 17, wherein the image forming
3 apparatus is a printer.

1 Claim 63 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 20, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.

1 Claim 64 (previously presented): The method according to
2 claim 21, wherein the image forming apparatus is a
3 printer.